



Families, schools, and disaster: The mental health consequences of catastrophic events

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Abstract:

Children have always experienced or witnessed disaster and mass casualty events in their schools and communities. However, the psychological impact of such events was not recognized until the middle of the 20th century. Children's responses to disaster and other traumatic events are based on developmental stage, the specific threat, injury and loss, and the child's coping skills as well as previous traumatic experiences. Schools and communities can serve as a sanctuary for children and their families during such devastating times. Lessons learned from the terrorist attacks of September 2001 and the gulf coast hurricanes offer strategies and approaches to assist children for families, teachers, schools, and communities. Resources for schools and communities include national organizations with evidence-based guidelines, program development, and guides for policy and communication.

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Resource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker, Public

Other Communication Audience: Schools

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Human Conflict/Displacement, Human Conflict/Displacement

Extreme Weather Event: Hurricanes/Cyclones

Geographic Feature:

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Mental Health/Stress

Mental Health Effect/Stress: Stress Disorder

Intervention:

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern:

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article, Review

Resilience:

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified